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In re Application of

Alejandro S. McElroy et al. Serial No. 08/705,652

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AND METHOD

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LETTER TO EXAMINERS ARTHUR, CUCHLINSKI & LOUIS-JACQUES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The pending patent application was filed on August 30, 1996. Applicant's attorney is in receipt of the Office Action (Paper No. 3) mailed January 28, 1998.

When the Action was taken up for review, Applicant's attorney discovered that the documents accompanying the Office Action were Neither the primary reference U.S. Patent No. 5,276,728 to Pagliaroli nor the secondary reference GB 2 266 611 to Gill were listed on the Notice of References Cited (PTO-892). Further, a copy of each patent was not included with the Office Action as required by 35 U.S.C. §132.

It is respectively requested that (a) a copy of the Pagliaroli and Gill references be provided to enable Applicant's attorney to evaluate the Examiner's argument and (b) the shorted statutory period for response be restarted as of the mailing date of the references to Applicant's attorney.

If there are any questions, Applicant's attorney can be reached on the telephone number set out below.

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